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## Value of Washington's 2003 Agricultural Commodities Totals \$5.95 Billion Value of Apple Crop Sets Record

According to data released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Washington Agricultural Statistics Service (WASS), the value of Washington's agricultural production for 2003 reached a near record \$5.79 billion, 3.7 percent above 2002. The record stands at \$5.88 billion which was set in 1995.

"Having seen ups and downs in the Ag economy during my 20 years at USDA I am pleased to see the Ag sector continue to grow and prosper in Washington," said Ray Garibay, State Director of the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Top Five:** Apples continue to top the list with a value of production of \$1.16 billion, a 12.9 percent increase over 2002. Apples represent 20 percent of the total agricultural value produced. Milk ranked second with a value of \$675 million, slightly above the \$674 million in 2002. The value of wheat, at \$521 million, increased 4.9 percent over 2002, ranking third. Potatoes ranked fourth with production of \$489 million, a decrease of 4.6 percent from last year. Rounding out the top five was cattle and calves with \$475 million, an increase of 5.4 percent from last year.

"The value of agricultural production is up almost \$200 million and that's good news. Agriculture continues to be a strong, stable mainstay for our state's economy," said Valoria Loveland, Director of the state Department of Agriculture. "The top five commodities stayed the same. All around, we held our own. Considering weather, shifting markets and changing crops, we're not losing economic ground. We're staying strong."

These five commodities had a combined value of \$3.32 billion, or 58 percent of the 2003 total value for all commodities, unchanged from last year. The same five commodities in 2002, had a combined value of \$3.16 billion. In 2001 comparable figures were \$3.20 billion and also 58 percent.

**Record Highs:** Record high values of production for major crops were record for apples, blueberries, all cherries, all pears, and nursery and greenhouse products (including floriculture). Apple value of production was \$1.16 billion, blueberries had a value of \$12.1 million, cherries had a value of \$175 million, all pears had a value of \$129 million, and nursery and greenhouse was \$313 million.

**Commodity Groups:** Field crops had the highest value in 2003 with \$1.74 billion, 3.2 percent below 2002. The Fruits and Nuts group was close behind with \$1.61 billion, 11.1 percent above the previous year. Commercial Vegetables totaled \$419 million compared with \$362 million in 2002. Berry crops were \$65.7 million in 2003, up 5.4 percent from 2002's \$62.4 million.

Livestock and livestock products increased 3.7 percent above 2002 to \$1.45 billion. Specialty products, which include forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, nursery and other horticultural products, and mushrooms had a combined value of \$508 million, 1.5 percent lower than 2002.

Government payments in 2003 totaled \$265 million, slightly over 4 percent of the total value. This was 24 percent above the previous year.

## Value of Production and Government Payments, 1994-2003

Year	Field Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Berry Crops	Total Crops	Specialty Products 1/	Livestock & Products	Total Value of Prod.	Govt. Paymts.	Total Value 2/
1,000 Dollars										
1994	1,621,096	1,061,984	302,586	59,359	<b>3,045,025</b>	648,367	1,441,631	<b>5,135,023</b>	152,840	5,287,863
1995	2,121,180	1,351,311	317,143	53,159	<b>3,842,793</b>	640,724	1,396,123	<b>5,879,640</b>	116,062	5,995,702
1996	2,082,200	1,232,736	307,635	54,431	<b>3,677,002</b>	575,704	1,459,933	<b>5,712,639</b>	155,364	5,868,003
1997	1,869,686	1,235,820	357,558	50,183	<b>3,513,247</b>	577,351	1,443,135	<b>5,533,733</b>	147,263	5,680,996
1998	1,648,070	1,070,299	357,016	40,405	<b>3,115,790</b>	584,544	1,540,021	<b>5,240,355</b>	260,524	5,500,879
1999	1,573,895	1,233,033	299,306	66,252	<b>3,172,486</b>	592,518	1,550,806	<b>5,315,810</b>	270,594	5,586,404
2000	1,678,026	1,164,734	329,667	46,739	<b>3,219,166</b>	587,592	1,519,056	<b>5,325,814</b>	352,503	5,678,317
2001	1,725,181	1,315,186	310,235	61,534	<b>3,412,136</b>	532,961	1,604,115	<b>5,549,212</b>	298,784	5,847,996
2002	1,798,986	1,450,754	361,775	62,378	<b>3,673,893</b>	515,510	1,396,461	<b>5,585,864</b>	214,138	5,800,002
2003	1,741,430	1,612,247	419,470	65,740	<b>3,838,887</b>	507,663	1,448,187	<b>5,794,737</b>	265,089	6,059,826

1/ Includes forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, nursery and other horticultural products, and mushrooms.

2/ Includes government payments.

# Top Forty Agricultural Commodities, Washington

Commodity	Value of Production				Change 2003 vs 2002
	2003	2001	2002	2003	
		1,000 Dollars			Percent
Apples	1	900,250	1,023,000	1,155,000	12.9%
Milk	2	827,100	674,400	675,301	0.1%
Wheat, All	3	423,681	496,873	521,163	4.9%
Potatoes, Fall	4	552,240	512,487	489,038	-4.6%
Cattle & Calves	5	492,641	451,016	475,522	5.4%
Hay, All	6	375,328	375,366	343,610	-8.5%
Nursery & Greenhouse Products 1/	7	288,399	298,533	313,000	4.8%
Cherries, All	8	147,598	151,385	175,614	16.0%
Onions, All	9	67,497	112,538	140,763	25.1%
Grapes, All	10	138,195	134,605	131,112	-2.6%
Pears, All	11	108,627	116,437	129,152	10.9%
Forest Products, Farm 2/	12	171,000	140,000	120,000	-14.3%
Aquaculture (including trout eggs & fish)	13	83,271	89,690	84,239	-6.1%
Sweet Corn, All	14	66,268	72,247	76,900	6.4%
Broilers 3/	15	81,704	65,078	74,904	15.1%
Hops	16	91,911	83,288	73,510	-11.7%
Eggs	17	62,544	55,460	70,360	26.9%
Christmas Trees	18	59,000	60,000	60,000	-
Corn for Silage	19	48,360	53,040	45,750	-13.7%
Asparagus, All	20	48,910	44,893	43,277	-3.6%
Mint Oil	21	35,740	43,254	41,280	-4.6%
Corn for Grain	22	26,752	37,772	39,585	4.8%
Barley	23	41,160	49,504	38,756	-21.7%
Red Raspberries	24	37,784	36,985	36,554	-1.2%
Kentucky Bluegrass Seed	25	22,875	18,915	20,625	9.0%
Green Peas, Processing	26	18,148	13,804	20,439	48.1%
Haylage	27	26,075	18,011	20,250	12.4%
Lentils	28	12,032	17,024	16,562	-2.7%
Agaricus Mushrooms	29	14,160	16,711	14,497	-13.2%
Alfalfa Seed	30	13,800	14,280	13,260	-7.1%
Blueberries	31	11,688	9,741	12,068	23.9%
Dry Edible Peas	32	7,936	13,452	10,824	-19.5%
Carrots, Processing	33	10,512	8,730	10,404	19.2%
Dry Edible Beans	34	12,022	16,517	10,395	-37.1%
Peaches	35	11,387	13,420	9,228	-31.2%
Strawberries	36	6,944	8,262	7,979	-3.4%
Wrinkled Seed Peas	37	5,912	6,144	7,038	14.6%
Other Grass Seed	38	3,900	5,900	6,900	16.9%
Cranberries	39	3,838	5,758	6,727	16.8%
Sugarbeets 4/	40	10,247	5,824	5,699	-2.1%
<b>Total Top 40 Value of Production</b>		<b>\$5,367,436</b>	<b>\$5,370,344</b>	<b>\$5,547,285</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTION</b>		<b>\$5,549,212</b>	<b>\$5,585,864</b>	<b>\$5,794,737</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

1/ Includes floriculture.

2/ Value of forest products sold from operations meeting the USDA farm definition.

3/ Washington Fryer Commission total weight multiplied by USDA US average bird liveweight price per pound.

4/ Sugarbeets value for 2003 based on previous year's price. Data for 2003 will be published on February 28, 2005.

Washington Agricultural Statistics is our annual report of agriculture. The 2003 publication will be available only online this year, beginning in early November. This report will be available at our homepage: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wa>